OCTOBER WOODS.

The frest has opened the chestnut burrs, And the nuts fall lardly, two and three; The squirrel chatters, the partriage whirs, And the red capped weedpecker bores his

Oh, lightly and lightly the birch leaves float. Like golden butterflies loosed in spring.

And bright as the sails of a fairy boat

The walnut leaves take wing.

Now come, now come; far down the lane
The asters becken, the robins call!
The shrunken brook grows broad again
And leaps in a laughing waterful!
Over the stile and over the bridge,
Adown the path where the mesk cows stray.
By glen and hollow and windy ridge,
Let us follow the woodland way.

See! how the marvelous cloth of gold— A Tyrian tapestry weven fine— Wide as we wander is still unrolled, Rustling under your feet and mine!
The breath of the woodland is joy to breathe—
The minipled odors of earf and flower,
And clustering fruit where the wild views

The oak tree's mossy tower.

Softly into the vistaed wood Through painted windows the sunbeams smile;
The hushed winds walk in pensive mood
Down many a solemn gothic sizle.
The golden clouds hang low in air,
Wrapped in their folds the late sun rests.

And the tall trees stand as if in prayer
With their beards upon their breasts,

—Ida Whipple Benham in Youth's Companion.

A gentleman who remembers the family of ex-Governor King in Bath, tells a story which illustrates the folly of judging from appearances. A gentleman, a stranger in Bath, called at the house and inquired for Governor King. Mrs. King, who answered the knock at the door, was in the midst of her morning's work and did not present a very prepossessing appearance. The governor was not in, and the gentleman asked if he could see Mrs. King. "I am Mrs. King." If the caller had charged her in so many words with telling a falsehood he could not have told her more plainly that he did not believe

With a smile and a pleasant word about the weather he turned about and went down town. There he found Governor King, who invited him to dinner. He accepted. The condition of his mind when the governor introduced him to Mrs. King can be better imagined than described.-Portland Express,

Poor Man's Belt.

Few geographies mention the district in the south known as the "Poor Man's Belt." It is a tract of country generally very sandy and producing little timber save the long leafed pine. It begins not far south of Richmond, and extends along the Atlantic and gulf coasts into Texas. Its length is not far from 1,800 miles. while it is from 50 to 150 miles in width. The soil is poor, but the forests produce not only lumber in abundance, but also large quantities of pitch, tar and turpentine. It got a bad name during slavery days because no cotton was raised in it, but since the south is beginning to look elsewhere than to the cotton field for its wealth, the "Poor Man's Belt" promises to become one of the richest parts of the southern states.—St. In the evening a young society man should don his best suit of promises to become one of the rich-

The Grave of Camille,

since the woman who was the original of Camille died. She sleeps in bolstered up by artistic cushions, and the cemetery of Pere la Chaise. As as the result of an active day of is well known, it is the custom in business life which he has left be-France for all persons who have lost | hind he should yawn, 'twould be beta relative or friend to go on the an | ter to so well disguise it as not to be niversary called "The Day of the seen. But having felt all the relief Dead" to decorate the graves of the one can feel from having a "good departed with flowers. Every year old yawn," and having been obon that day an unknown hand deposits on the tomb of Marie Duplessis should, with all the fortitude born a superb wreath of white camelias. It is generally conjectured that the author of this touching act of homage is Alexandre Dumas.-Ladies' Home Journal.

Jungle Fires in South Africa. In southern Africa a flame flickering up in the sun scorched thorn jungles often spreads with the rapidity of a prairie fire, and the traveler Brehm gives a graphic description of the resulting stampede of wild animals—antelopes, leopards, bab-oons, jackals and hyenas all dashing off at top speed, with a mob of short legged creatures making frantic efforts to keep their start of the devouring element.—San Francisco

It is related of the late Thomas Adolphus Trollope that he said with the simplicity which always characterized him: "My English novels I cannot recommend. I know very little practically of English life, but all that I have written of Italy and Italians is worth reading.

Don't forget that the patient little woman you call your wife was once your sweetheart. A caress now and then or a tender word costs so little and means so much to the woman of

Signal's Lily Flag, a Jersey cow belonging to General Moore, of Huntsville, Ala., has the greatest butter record of any cow now living-1,0-0 pounds in four days less than a year

The colored janitor of a Sedalia (Mo.) public school manages by strict economy to save forty dollars every month out of his monthly stipend of forty-two dollars, so it is said.

The Bible seems to be full of strangely pat local allusions, and so pointed are they that even the truly reverent person cannot always avoid calling attention to them.

Passing of the Earring. People often wonder where all the entrings go or have gone to. A few years ago the fashion of wearing these relies of barbarism was quite general, but now it is the exception and not the rule to see a well dressed woman with a pair. Indeed the ornaments have been left off so long that scores of women who used to wear them could hardly do so now without inconvenience and pain. But the pretty toys or gems have not been thrown away or wasted. Thousands have been worked up into other and more fashionable ornaments. Many very handsome brooches have been made out of earrings which have outlived the fashion, and there has been quite a large amount of ingenuity displayed in the work so as to do

More than one pair has been made up into sleeve buttons and presented to a member of the sterner sex, and others have been fitted with pins and

away with any suspicion of second-

hand in the reconstructed adorn-

Hartford Republican | used by their fair owners as hat or hairpins. The best judges in these matters doubt whether earrings as such will ever become popular again, and it is very unusual for young women nowadays to have their ears pierced at all .- St. Louis Globe-Dem-

An Undesirable Bedfellow. A very remarkable circumstance occurred at Port Elizabeth, where a puff adder was actually in the bed of a sleeping lady. That it did not bite her can only be accounted for by the fact that it could not do so. It was under the bedelothes, and had no space for action. The lady had a pet cat who was allowed to sleep in her room. One night when too much asleep to arouse herself she was yet conscious of something lying on her chest, but supposing it was only her cat she did not bestir and arouse herself, but fell off again into deep slumber.

on a chair where she had settled herself the previous night, and a puff adder was in her bed. Happily these great deadly serpents are not aggress or later still. ive, and do not attack unless provoked. The sleeping lady was also unaggressive, which fact, added to the cramped up position of the intruder, insured her life.—Cape Town tastful.

Whittier at Play.

tury, the late poet Whittier says: What a pity it is that we cannot shut down the gate and let the weary son and William Lyons. wheels rest awhile! For myself, I The entertainment given at the have to work hard to be idle; I have to make it a matter of duty to ignore stories, play with dogs and cattle, number of people. and talk nonsense as if I were not a Quaker. Dr. Bowditch says that a spring school at this place. man of active brain ought to make a fool of himself occasionally and unand its responsibilities too awful, for completed before the first of May. such a remedy. The unsolved mys tery presses hard upon us.

The Weather and Men's Spirits. There is a rich field of study for some one in the investigation of the influence of the weather upon the feelings of people. A crowd on a bright, clear day is always a buoyant and merry one. Everybody is an op It seems that on last Saturday a timist. The mental conditions are practically the same in a heavy it is half between rain and fair weather, when it is dull and damp and muggy, every person one meets seems to be a follower of Schopenhauer.-Boston Journal.

A Pleasant Shave. Customer-What makes your hand jerk so with that razor? Barber-Why, boss, I'ze used to de

"Yes, boss, but don't be scart; it is

you res' easy; dat's de symptoms."-Texas Siftings.

Hints on Social Calls. clothes and most attractive boutonniere and go to call on some charming young lady friend; arriving at Over twoscore years have passed the house and making himself thoroughly comfortable upon a divan of an emergency, yank himself from the too comfortable divan and re-

> taining him.-Galveston News. He Could Control His Heart Beats. Dr. E. A. Groux, surgeon of the Twenty-eighth New York regiment, who died in 1878, was during his life the most wonderful living human malformation. The surgeons regarded him with special interest because, having been born without a sternum -the sternum is the flat bone in the middle of the breast-he could control or suppress all the pulsations of the heart. The post mortem examination showed a deficiency of breast

bone and a congenital fissure of the

sternum, forked in shape, running

up between the second and third ribs

perhaps the aforesaid charming

young hostess would conclude she

had made a greater success at enter-

to the left of the median line. Before his death there was a dispute among the faculty whether the outward indications of pulsation were caused by the aorta or right ventri-The examination proved conclusively that they were caused by the right ventricle. There is said to be only one other case of similar malformation known and reported in the medical books—that of a Mr. Thompson, of England, who, by way of diversion, often stopped his heart from beating for a full two minutes: -St. Louis Republic.

Dangerous Puff Adders.

Dogs become frequent victims to snakes in South Africa through their keen sense of smell and their determination to investigate. One splendid large dog and two fox terriers met with their death near Port Elizaboth through the bite of puff adders.

Though there are other highly ven omous and equally abundant snakes at the cape, they are more of the active cobra kind, while the puff active cobra kind, while the pun-adders are extremely sluggish and inactive reptiles which do not get out of the way, but he half hidden among the herbage or among roots and stones, with which they assimilate in color. By their hiss they betray themselves when danger threatens, and that is all.—Cape Town

A Four Footed Electrician. Hove, a suburb of the fashionable watering place, Brighton, England has been laying on the electric light. A tunnel was run under the foot ways, with culverts at convenient distances, so that there was no more trouble about the matter than when a man winds up his watch. A four footed electrician was extremely useful in passing-the wires along the tunnel, for a smart little fox terrier acted as a sort of animated bodkin. With a cord fastened to his collar and his nose turned in the right direction, away he went with as much gusto as if he were pursuing a rat through a wheat barn, and hours of work were thus saved to the artificers .- New

FORDSVILLE.

Jan.25 .- I understand that "green horn" made a serious mistake in his last report by not considering the changes brought about by leap year. He conjectured a little too far a head. Leap year come too soon, and the result was, he was hung in effigy by a young man and his best girl. So it's not likely that we will hear from him again soon.

December brought an unusual number of weddings and strange to say I have not heard of a single supper this

I highly appreciate the bravery of the young ladies who found courage enough to pop the question. Doubtless many more timid than they, bitterly regret that they let such a golden opportunity pass unimproved, but In the morning she saw puss asleep there is one consolation dear girl, for macy who have mated will wish they had waited until MDCCCXXXXVI.

We have been taking weather straight for some time and so strong that pleasant weather would be dis-

Born, to the enterprise of Fordsville, about the breaking up of the In one of his letters to Elizabeth cold spell of weather, a stave factory, Stuart Phelps, as given in the Cen- for the manufacture of slack barrel staves. The managers are. J. M. John-

school-house, Friday and Saturday duty, and ansuse myself with simple evenings, were enjoyed by a large Prot. L. M. Render will conduct

Work on the O. & F. R. R. is bend at all hazards to his dignity. progressing very slow this cold weath-But to some of us life is too serious, er; it is not likely that the road will be

> The idea is entertained by men who profess to know, that the L. H.& W. will be extended further West, in the Spring.

W. R. Smith killed a hog lately,

It seems that on last Saturday a prominent farmer, living not far from storm, be it rain or snow, but when here, while under the influence of alcohol, was to his serious detriment, induced to play a game of cards for a considerable sum of money. Steps should be taken to stop such lawlessnes, which is indulged in to a considerable extent.

J. H. Sutton, who has been very sick for the past three months, is improving nicely. Lodford Truman left last week for

ten minutes befor' dey come on. Jes' Russellville, where he will attend school for the next five months. A series of meetings is being held

at the Whittinghill school-house with

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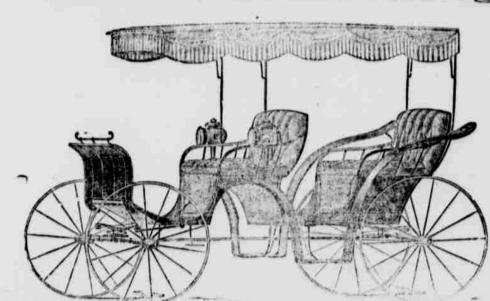
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